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SUBJECT: PENA GOMEZ IN "SEMI-HIDING"

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1. PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD) LEADER, JOCOBO MAJLUTA AZAR, WHO IS PROBABLY PRD SECRETARY GENERAL JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ' CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AND ADVISER, INFORMED EMBOFF THIS MORNING (MAY 22) THAT PENA WAS IN "SEMI-HIDING." ACCORDING TO MAJLUTA, "HE IS IN A PLACE WHERE IT IS NOT EASY TO REACH HIM. MANY PEOPLE, HOWEVER, KNOW WHERE HE IS." MAJLUTA SAID THAT PENA "IS NO LONGER AS AFRAID FOR HIS LIFE AS HE WAS THREE DAYS AGO WHEN IT WAS CERTAIN THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE OUT TO KILL HIM. HE IS NOW JUST BEING CAUTIOUS AND INCONSPICUOUS." AN EXAMPLE OF THE MEANING OF "SEMI-HIDING" WAS GIVEN ON MAY 21 WHEN PENA CALLED A PUBLIC PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE ATTACKED THE GODR AND THE "FRAUDULENT" ELECTIONS. THERE WAS REPORTEDLY NOTHING HURRIED OR FUGITIVE ABOUT HIS PERFORMANCE.

2. COMMENT. IT APPEARS THAT THE PRD'S EARLIER CONCERN OVER PENA'S SAFETY HAS LARGELY EVAPORATED. THE PARTY'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS PENA NOW IS ESSENTIALLY THAT HE SHOULD EXERCISE REASONABLE PRUDENCE.

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